

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KIMIYUKI HAYASAKI ) : Examiner: L. Liang  
Appln. No.: 10/629,919 ) : Group Art Unit: 2853  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.